



State of Michigan
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Bureau of Health Systems

MEMORANDUM

Department of Consumer & Industry Services
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TO: Medical Directors; Medical Control Authorities

FROM: John F. Hubinger
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SUBJECT: Safe Delivery of Newborns (Acts 232,234,235 of 2000)

On January 1, 2001, the above Acts became effective addressing the anonymous surrender of an infant, from birth to 72 hours of age, to an Emergency Service Provider.

We are contacting you simply to share information provided our office by the Family Independence Agency (FIA) which is designated as the lead state agency on this matter.

Please review the information we have included in this communication. What will be of particular interest will be the form which lays out questions most frequently asked on this subject. Additional information included are copies of:

- Publication 864, "What Am I Going to Do?"
- Publication 866, "Surrendering Parent Rights"
- Publication 867, "Safe Delivery Program Fact Sheet"
- Form FIA-4819, "Voluntary Medical Background"
- Form FIA-4820, "Voluntary Release for Adoption of A Surrendered Newborn"
- Act 232 of PA 2000 (That portion which relates to you and Emergency Service Providers)

The phone number where **you or providers** can call for more information is: 517.324.7383. A toll free number for general use is: 1.866.733.7733. Those interested can access information on the internet at: www.mfia.state.mi.us. Click on the "Safe Delivery" icon, and go to "Forms and Publications".

Because this law **does not directly impact upon non-fire EMS providers**, we are asking that you make available to your non-fire services, a copy of the question and answer form, or at least direct them to FIA's website for that information. We are not notifying the ambulance services on this matter. The fire services are being contacted through their state level liaison office.

We hope this information will be helpful to you in addressing this matter.

Attachments